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C. Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) In a collet chuck arrangement of a machine tool comprising a collet chuck housing, a collet chuck inserted in the collet chuck housing, a tensioning nut, a tool shank fitted in and fixedly held by the collet chuck and a sealing washer closing the front side of the collet chuck arrangement against coolant leakage, the sealing washer having a circular opening for the tool shank, said opening being wider than the diameter of the tool shank to define a [[this opening defining a]] cylindrical surface with an annular groove in it, the surface and the groove facing the tool shank, an elastic sealing body disposed in the groove and embracing the tool shaft, wherein the groove is wider and deeper than the cross-section of the elastic sealing body such that the sealing body is pressed by coolant against a side wall of the groove.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A collet chuck arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the sealing washer is dimensioned such that an open space exists between the opening and the tool shaft through which open space coolant can flow into the groove and build up pressure therein.

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Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A collet chuck arrangement according to claim 3, wherein the sealing washer is attached to the tensioning nut.